

WELTON-BY-LINCOLN PARISH COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

1.0 Policy Statement

1.1 As a Parish Council responsible for service delivery in the built and natural environments, we can, through the advice given to parishioners and those working with us, make a contribution towards the protection of our local environment. We will, as an integral part of our commitment to ensure the health and wellbeing of the community, do our utmost to ensure that our activities do not adversely affect the environment.

1.2 To this end Welton-by-Lincoln Parish Council will:

- Comply with all relevant local, national and international environmental legislation that impinges upon our activities;
- When no legislation exists, aspire to positively influence parishioners to incorporate environmental considerations in all aspects of parish life;
- Endeavour to positively influence suppliers, service providers and the public towards environmental excellence;
- Adopt environmental principles for purchasing consumables, minimising waste, efficient use of energy and water and ensuring that wastes are recycled whenever practicable and disposed of appropriately;
- Encourage adherence by all to guidance for the protection of conservation areas that is documented at a national and local level and in the Welton Village Design Statement and in the Parish Plan;
- Work with West Lindsey District Council's Environmental Enforcement Team for the environmental improvement of the parish;

2.0 Parish Council Responsibilities

2.1 To ensure that the policy is effective, Welton-by-Lincoln Parish Council will:

- Implement all reasonable measures to comply with relevant environmental legislation;
- Take appropriate steps to minimise its negative impact on the environment and to conserve natural resources;
- Endeavour to make improvements in environmental performance;
- Review regularly, and where necessary update this policy and any relevant environmental procedures;
- Continually seek to improve environmental performance;
- Reduce pollution, emissions and waste;
- Participate in discussions about environmental issues;

3.0 Activities

- 3.1 Further to the Policy Statement, Welton-by-Lincoln Parish Council will ensure that its activities follow this general policy as detailed below.

Materials

- 3.2 Welton-by-Lincoln Parish Council will endeavour to use environmentally sustainable products where practicable and make the most economical and effective use of all materials and products purchased.

Waste Management

- 3.3 Welton-by-Lincoln Parish Council will endeavour to recycle waste materials, and to use recycled materials as part of its day-to-day operations.

Travel

- 3.4 Where practical Welton-by-Lincoln Parish Council will make use of public transport, within the transport constraints of operating from a predominantly rural area.

Use of ICT to Reduce Travel

- 3.5 Welton-by-Lincoln Parish Council will ensure that full use is made of telephone, teleconference, email and other forms of e working to minimise travel.

Packaging

- 3.6 Welton-by-Lincoln Parish Council will endeavour to minimise the use of packing materials and encourage suppliers similarly.

Auditing & Monitoring

- 3.7 Welton-by-Lincoln Parish Council will:
- Carry out regular reviews of its environmental performance.
 - Develop appropriate action plans, as necessary, which will enable new initiatives and identified improvements to be implemented.